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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING, AUGUST 23, 78

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING.

Q: ANYTHING NEW ON RHODESIA -- AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE?

A: NO, THAT REMAINS OUR GOAL. HOWEVER, I HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER YOU ON THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA TODAY.

Q: OWEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING IN THE LONDON PRESS THAT HE EXPECTS AN ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE, PERHAPS THIS MONTH; SURELY IN SEPTEMBER. I WONDER IF YOU KNOW ON WHAT BASIS HE DRAWS THAT CONCLUSION AND WHETHER YOU HAVE THE SAME BASIS TO DRAW
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A SIMILAR INFERENCE.

A: I AM RELUCTANT TO BE DRAWN INTO THAT PARTICULAR DISCUSSION. AS I HAVE SAID, AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE REMAINS OUR GOAL BECAUSE WE THINK ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED SHOULD SIT DOWN AND TALK TO EACH OTHER ABOUT A PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. I REALLY HAVE NOTHING ON THE TIMING OF SUCH A MEETING. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT SUCH A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE.

Q: SURELY DR. OWEN REACHED THAT DECISION ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED HIM BY JOHN GRAHAM.GRAHAM AND LOW ARE EACH OTHER'S POCKETS. IS IT FAIR INFERENCE THAT LOW IS NOT TELLING WASHINGTON WHAT GRAHAM IS TELLING WHITEHALL?

A: NO.

Q: THEN IT IS A FAIR INFERENCE THAT HE IS TELLING THE SAME?

A: I WOULD HOPE THAT WE ARE GETTING GOOD REPORTING FROM

OUR DIPLOMATS. I ASSUME WE ARE.

Q: BUT YOU ARE SAYING THAT YOU HAVE NO SUCH REPORTING
WHICH WOULD LEAD YOU TO THE SAME CONCLUSION THAT GRAHAM
HAS LED OWEN?

A: NO, I AM NOT SAYING THAT. I AM NOT ADDRESSING THE
QUESTION.

Q: WELL, I AM ASKING YOU TO ADDRESS IT.

A: I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO OFFER YOU ANYTHING ON IT. CHRISTOPHER

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